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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES UNDER STATE PLANS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The following is a written description of the law of the State (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State) concerning advance directives. If applicable States should include definitions of living will, durable power of attorney for health care, durable power of attorney, witness requirements, special State limitations on living will declarations, proxy designation, process information and State forms, and identify whether State law allows for a health care provider or agent of the provider to object to the implementation of advance directives on the basis of conscience.

See Supplements:

Supplement 1: North Carolina state summary of law concerning patients' rights. Pamphlet is titled "Medical Care Decisions and Advance Directives - What you Should Know."

Supplement 2: Detailed information on North Carolina's living will (Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death), health care power of attorney and mental health advance directive (Advance Instruction for Mental Health Treatment).

State law does not explicitly allow a provider to object to implementation of advance directives on the basis of conscience.

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